

2007 COASTAL LAW FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

SCDHEC – Office of Ocean & Coastal Resource Management and the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium

Charleston, South Carolina

The “Public Trust Doctrine” provides that states hold navigable waters and their underlying lands and resources in trust for the benefit of the public. Despite its long history, the doctrine remains an evolving concept in coastal zone management and a dynamic area of coastal law. In South Carolina, there is a need for improved understanding of the past and present policies governing the state’s public trust resources, and the role of the Public Trust Doctrine in emerging coastal zone management issues.

The SCDHEC Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and SC Sea Grant Consortium, with support from the National Sea Grant Law Center, are offering a competitive Coastal Law Fellowship program that will host a student from a South Carolina law school on a part-time basis at SCDHEC-OCRM in Charleston, SC from April – December 2007. The Fellow will be responsible for (1) identifying the potential implications of a submerged lands leasing program; (2) examining private interests in public trust lands; and (3) organizing an interagency workshop for state and local regulatory agencies to address and discuss the applied aspects of the Public Trust Doctrine in South Carolina. Based on this research, the Fellow will develop and present policy recommendations for consideration by SCDHEC-OCRM and other resource agencies. The Fellow will also be expected to attend a national coastal zone management conference in 2008 to present the results of the fellowship, with travel support provided by the sponsors.

The Fellow will be provided with nine months salary support – full-time during summer months and part-time during the spring and fall to accommodate the academic calendar. Management and review of the fellowship will be jointly administered between SCDHEC-OCRM and SC Sea Grant Consortium. We are seeking a currently enrolled student in an accredited law school in South Carolina, with interest and experience in environmental sciences and/or coastal policy or resource management issues.

Interested applicants must submit a letter of interest, resume, writing sample, and names and contact information for two references. Review of applications will begin February 16, 2007; interviews will be conducted in early March, followed by candidate selection and hiring. The desired start date is April 2, 2007, initially on a part-time basis.

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